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## Proposed Growth Management Reform Passes House Economic Affairs Committee

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – House Bill 7129 today passed the House Economic Affairs Committee and is now available to be placed on Special Order.

"In the past Florida has been a leader in managing the accelerated growth of our state, but continued extensive oversight of local efforts is no longer necessary and current laws are too often outdated and unresponsive to the needs of Florida's communities," said representative Ritch Workman (R-Melbourne), sponsor of HB 7129. "Today, local governments are experienced and well-prepared to manage growth within their communities without the state overseeing their efforts, as evidenced by the more than 90 percent of plan amendments submitted by local governments that are reviewed and approved by the state."

"I applaud Representative Workman for sponsoring this important legislation to modernize our state's growth management laws," said Representative Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange), chair of the House Economic Affairs Committee. "Current growth management laws are outdated and place layers of burdensome, inflexible regulation on local governments that restricts healthy economic development in Florida's communities. This legislation corrects that imbalance by giving local governments flexibility in managing the growth of their communities, while focusing state resources on issues of state significance."

For more information on House Bill 7129, please visit the <u>Florida House of Representatives</u> website.

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